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SUBJECT: ZIMBABWE: 1997 ANNUAL TERRORISM REPORT

REF: A) STATE 245276

- ¶1. FORMAT PER REFTEL:
- (A) PROSECUTIONS INVOLVING INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM AND/OR SIGNIFICANT ACTS OF DOMESTIC TERRORISM:

THERE WERE NO ACTS OF POLITICALLY MOTIVATED VIOLENCE IN ZIMBABWE IN 1997:

(B) EXTRADITION OF SUSPECTED TERRORISTS:

THERE WERE NO CASES INVOLVING EXTRADITION OF SUSPECTED TERRORISTS IN ZIMBABWE IN 1997

(C) IMPEDIMENTS TO PROSECUTION OR EXTRADITION OF SUSPECTED TERRORISTS:

AN EXTRADITION TREATY BETWEEN THE US AND ZIMBABWE HAS BEEN SIGNED BY BOTH SIDES. IT IS PRESENTLY AWAITING SUBMISSION TO THE SENATE FOR RATIFICATION, WHICH WILL HOPEFULLY OCCUR IN THE SPRING OF 1998. SINCE THE GOZ HAS SIGNED THE TREATY, THIS IS A POSITIVE SIGN INDICATING THEY WOULD ACT RESPONSIBLY IN A CASE INVOLVING INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM.

1D. HOST COUNTRY RESPONSES OTHER THAN PROSECUTION:

NO SPECIFIC ACTION WAS TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO TERRORISM IN 1997

1F. SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM:

THOUGH ZIMBABWE CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE SEVEN COUNTRIES IDENTIFIED AS SPONSORING INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM (CUBA, LIBYA, NORTH KOREA, IRAN AND SUDAN MAINTAIN MISSIONS IN HARARE), THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THE GOVERNMENT OF ZIMBABWE SUPPORTS OR CONDONES TERRORIST ACTS PERPETRATED BY THESE COUNTRIES.

IG. PUBLIC STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF TERRORISM:

THE GOVERNMENT OF ZIMBABWE ISSUED NO STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF TERRORIST ACTIVITIES IN 1997.

1H. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN ATTITUDE TOWARDS TERRORISM SINCE 1996:

NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE HAS BEEN NOTED.

11. U.S. COUNTERTERRORISM EFFORTS AND INITIATIVES:

THERE WERE NO SIGNIFICANT COUNTERTERRORISM EFFORTS AND INITIATIVES IN ZIMBABWE DURING THE PAST YEAR.

1J. COOPERATION SOUGHT FROM THE HOST GOVERNMENT DURING THE PREVIOUS FIVE YEARS IN THE INVESTIGATION OR PROSECUTION OF AN ACT OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM AGAINST THE UNITED STATES:

ZIMBABWE HAS NOT BEEN REQUESTED TO COOPERATE IN THE INVESTIGATION OR PROSECUTION OF ANY TERRORIST ACT.